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July 1, 2003

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Q Zone, Reservoir A, LAKE FORTUNA FIELD, St.
Bernard Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

O'MEARA, INC. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Q Zone, Reservoir A, in the Lake Fortuna Field, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana:

1. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize a substitute unit well for Q RA SUA at the location shown on the attached plat.
2. To designate the current unit well for Q RA SUA, the O'Meara, Inc.--State Lease 2192 No. 25-D Well, as an alternate unit well for Q RA SUA.
3. To find that a substitute unit well for Q RA SUA is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Q Zone, Reservoir A, underlying Q RA SUA which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well on such unit.
4. To permit the Operator of Q RA SUA to produce the allowable assigned to the unit from either the substitute unit well, any alternate unit well, or from any combination of such wells, at the option of the Operator.
5. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Q Zone, Reservoir A, in the Lake Fortuna Field, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 514-A, effective March 5, 2002.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Mr. Joe B. Adams, 9141 Interline Avenue, Suite 3A, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809. Any person

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desiring to inspect such data should call Mr. Adams at (225) 929-6097 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

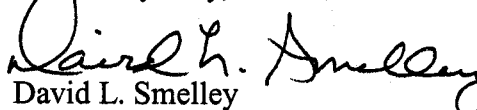
As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter, and of the attached plat, is being sent to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and the enclosed plat, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Lake Fortuna Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed is a check payable to the Commissioner of Conservation for the application fee.

Yours very truly,


David L. Smelley

-- Attorney for O'Meara, Inc.

DLS:dp
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented
Parties and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

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Joe B. Adams Consulting Geologist